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Good News, Bad News



Synopsis

Good news, Rabbit and Mouse are going on a picnic. Bad news, it is starting to rain. Good news, Rabbit has an umbrella. Bad news, the stormy winds blow the umbrella (and Mouse!) into a tree.>So begins this clever story about two friends with very different dispositions. Using just four words, Jeff Mack has created a text with remarkable flair that is both funny and touching, and pairs perfectly with his energetic, and hilarious, illustrations. Good news, this is a book kids will clamor to read again and again!

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

The good news is that this book is brilliant and funny. The bad news is...ummm...let's see...nope, can't think of any bad news! This book only uses four different words, but those four words, combined with the terrific artwork, manage to convey an entertaining story about a picnic gone terribly wrong. Because so much of the story is told through the images, it should be completely accessible to even the youngest children. The story also carries a subtle message about the merits of optimism and pessimism. The two characters are polar opposites, with the rabbit embodying complete commitment to viewing the positive in any situation, while the mouse can't help but see the downside in every situation. But the conflict between the two builds tension that in the end changes the characters, and can provide parents with ideas to discuss with children who are a bit older. An excellent book for parents and children to share.

This is a clever concept. The book is made of wonderful pictures that illustrate the story beautifully. But the best thing about this book is that this grandparent can tell a different story each and every time. With the baseline story and pictures, it is easy to fill in more and more with each telling. It never gets boring because you can re-tell the moral of the story in any fashion you desire. I don't know if this was intended or not, but I really like the concept.

This book is so much fun. My grandson loved explaining why some things were "good news" and why other situations were not. The fact that each page just has two words, we were able to act out all kinds of drama and silliness into the emotion of the image. He was giggling and never tired at the explanations. A fun read that can be made into a great read.

Good News: Great illustrations, plenty of chances to talk about what's happening, toddler loves it
Bad News: I bought a few new books to read to my son while I'm holding his little baby brother on the couch. Often, I have to pause to attend to the baby, and since this story only contains 4 words, it can be hard to remember what I was talking about. It's not a book I'll be able to memorize and recite to him as he turns the pages next to me. It requires my full attention, which isn't always possible with a young baby to care for as well.

My granddaughter loves this book, and I do, too! Using the same 4 words, it tells a great story, which children can "read" themselves after hearing it just once! I marvel that it also sweetly addresses feelings and friendship with so few words!

This is a delightfully clever book! This provides a wonderful opportunity for children to discover the good news after getting the bad news... can a child see good coming from bad? A great read aloud book!

If someone is reading this book to you don't close your eyes or you won't know what it means because the pictures tell the most story and the words do not. This is a good book so when you see it I think you will want to get it. It is a good book because the pictures are really funny. If you are a parent or teacher, when you see this book you should tell your children to come here. Or if you are a kid you could ask your parents to buy this book. If you like the book you should tell others because it's a really great book. Tell your friends. I think kindergartners, preschoolers, first graders, and

second graders would like this book. Students who are older may also like it. Recommended for ages 2 and up. At the end, it was like the characters switched brains because the rabbit went from saying, "Good news," to, "Bad news," and the rat went from saying, "Bad news," to "Good news." After they switch the bunny says, "Very good news." If you are looking for a good book you may want to choose this one. Written by Second Graders in Ms. N's Class in Minnesota

This is a good book for a beginning reader. I expected a few more words in the story as Good News, Bad News are the only words used to describe each page. My PreK and K like to make up stories for what is going on in each picture.

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